

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding this electronic newsletter. Please e-mail Diana Brensilber at: Diana.Brensilber@state.ma.us.

Announcements

Firefighter Safety Equipment Grants Announced On February 1, 2001, Governor Paul Cellucci and Lieutenant Governor Jane Swift announced the award of \$10 million from the state's Firefighter Safety Equipment Program to 365 cities, towns, authorities, and fire districts across Massachusetts. Go to <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/01fseawd.pdf> to view the Award List. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Cuomo, Deputy Director, at (617) 727-6300 extension 25305 or at Donna.Cuomo@eps.state.ma.us

"Implementation of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act: Youthful Offenders in Massachusetts" The Youthful Offender report, released by the Statistical Analysis Center, presents the findings of an analysis of a subset of juveniles processed in 1997 in juvenile court for certain Youthful Offender crimes, and also summarizes findings from interviews conducted with juvenile justice representatives. This report is available on our web site at: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/yoreport.pdf>

FBI presents Massachusetts training on UCR and NIBRS reporting. The Massachusetts State Police Crime Reporting Unit will be hosting FBI-conducted training sessions on reporting crime information through summary UCR and the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Pre-registration is required before February 28, 2001. To register or obtain additional information, contact Dan Bibel, State Police, at (508) 820-2111 or Daniel.Bibel@pol.state.ma.us. The sessions will be held:

March 6, 2001 - **Summary UCR**, Massachusetts State Police, Framingham, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
March 7, 2001 - **NIBRS**, Location in the Worcester area to be announced, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
March 8, 2001 - **NIBRS**, Springfield Police Department, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

SAMHSA's Technical Assistance The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), are offering one and a half day regional Technical Assistance Workshops for prospective applicants. In FY 2001, SAMHSA is offering numerous funding opportunities designed to help solve local substance abuse and mental health problems. Several SAMHSA grant announcements will be featured at the workshop and each will have an individual breakout session. Following the full workshop (Day 1), there will be a session (Day 2) to provide further assistance with grant writing and application preparation. More information is available on SAMHSA's website at: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>. The Technical Assistance Workshops will be held on **March 22 and 23**, at The Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA. There is no registration fee for the workshops. For further assistance, please call the SAMHSA hotline at (301) 984-1471, ext. 377 or by fax at (301) 945-4298.

The New England Narcotic Enforcement Officer's Association, in conjunction with the New England Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England State Police Information Network, and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc., is again presenting the symposium **"What Police, Prosecutors and School Officials Should Know About Designer Drugs"** on **Monday, March 26, 2001**, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m., at the Best Western Royal Hotel and Trade Center in Marlborough, Massachusetts. This symposium will provide law enforcement, prosecutorial, and educational professionals with the latest information regarding designer drugs and the challenges they present to public safety in New England. The Executive Office of Public Safety is co-sponsoring this event. For registration information please contact Lynn M. McAfee, Analytical Assistant, N.E.S.P.I.N., at 1-800-343-5682 x206 or via email at lmcafee@nespin.riss.net. For questions concerning the symposium please contact Detective Paul Jarosiewicz, Director of Law Enforcement Programs, at 617-727-6300 x25313 or via email at paul.jarosiewicz@eps.state.ma.us

Funding

From the State. . . .

Electronic Fingerprinting Systems Grant Project. The EOPS Programs Division is currently accepting applications from eligible Sheriffs' departments for the Electronic Fingerprinting Systems Project. The awarded equipment (live-scan units and software upgrades for MEFTS compliant transmission) will be used to electronically send criminal and applicant ten-print fingerprint cards to the State Identification Section and to the FBI over the CJIS Wide Area Network (WAN). All applications must be received by **5:00 PM, Friday, March 2, 2001**. Applications are available at: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>

Notice of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Proposed Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan and Federal Formula Grant Application.

Summary: In accordance with Section 223 (a) (4) of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974, the Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) Programs Division has made available, for public comment, the state's proposed Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan amendments. The Plan describes the program activities that EOPS Programs Division proposes to carry out with federal fiscal year 2001 formula grant funds. In order to achieve compliance with the Lockup Removal and Disproportionate Minority Confinement mandates of the JJDP Act, all federal formula grant funds will be set aside for

activities that will assist the state in achieving and maintaining compliance with these mandates.

Dates: The proposed Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan Amendments and Federal Formula Grant Application will be posted on the EOPS web site (<http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>) by **March 7, 2001**. Also, requests for a copy of the proposed Three-Year Plan and Formula Grant Application can be submitted to EOPS Programs Division. Once the proposed plan is made available on the EOPS web site, EOPS invites the public to comment on the proposed plan. All comments must be received **in writing** on or before **March 20, 2001**. These dates are subject to change depending upon the deadlines imposed by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Contact: To request a copy and/or to submit comments regarding the proposed plan, contact Jim Houghton, Juvenile Justice Specialist, via:

Mail: Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division, One Ashburton Place, Suite 2110, Boston, MA 02108.

FAX: 617-727-5356 or **e-mail:** jim.houghton@eps.state.ma.us

Note: Taking into consideration comments received on this Proposed Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan Amendments and Federal Formula Grant Application, EOPS Programs Division will develop and submit the final plan and application to the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice. No proposals, concept papers, or other forms of application should be submitted to EOPS Programs Division at this time.

From the Federal Government. . . .

COPS MORE 2001 Grant Program: Making Officer Redeployment Effective <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/>

This grant program is to help law enforcement agencies become more efficient by providing funding for new equipment/technology which will allow officers to spend more time engaged in community policing activities. Only applications that clearly link the funds sought to an increased community policing presence will be considered for funding.

Application Deadline: March 23, April 6, and April 20, 2001. Applications received after the April 20, 2001 deadline will not be accepted. Applications received by the first deadline will receive priority consideration for review.

Eligibility Requirements: Law enforcement agencies that have already received funding under previous COPS MORE programs are eligible to apply. No consortia applications will be accepted. Requests for civilians or overtime, and salary and fringe benefits of a sworn officer will not be funded under COPS MORE 2001.

Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$81 million will be available. Funding qualification is based upon a jurisdiction's service population according to the latest information available from the U.S. Census Bureau. There is a local match requirement, consisting of a minimum of 25% of the total allowable item costs.

Length of Award: Applicants should attempt to demonstrate project implementation within a time period of one year or less. The grant will not be extended beyond an additional two years.

Middle School Drug Prevention and School Safety Program Coordinators Grant Competition

http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS/msapp_2001.pdf

The purpose of the grant is to provide funds that support recruiting, hiring, and training of one or more full-time staff to oversee the implementation of drug prevention and school safety programs for middle school students.

Application Deadline: February 23, 2001

Eligibility Requirements: Only local educational agencies are eligible applicants under this competition.

Maximum Award Amount: An estimated 125 awards, each ranging from \$145,000 to \$275,000, will be made.

Grant Period: Projects will be funded for one year with options for two additional years-contingent upon substantial progress.

For additional information please contact: Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, 3E316, Washington, DC 20202-6123. Telephone: 202/260-3954. Fax: 202/260-7767.

FY2001 Drug Court Training Program (Adult, Juvenile, and Family Drug Court Planning Initiative)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/dcpo/fy2001/dcpo2001.pdf>

The Drug Court Planning Initiative (DCPI) consists of a series of three workshops to assist communities in planning a drug court.

Application Deadline: February 26, 2001

Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible to participate, teams must consist of the following based on the type of drug court – Adult Drug Court Team must consist of the judge, prosecutor, public defender, treatment representative, coordinator, and research or management information system specialist; Juvenile Drug Court Team must consist of the judge, prosecutor, public defender, treatment representative, coordinator, research or management information system specialist, and school representative; Family Drug Court Team must consist of the judge, treatment representative, coordinator, research or management information system specialist; and representative from the child welfare protective services. The same team members must attend all three workshops.

Maximum Award Amount: DCPO will pay the cost of each workshop and each team's travel expenses (airfare, ground transportation, hotel and meals), based on Federal travel regulations, for up to 10 team members.

Number of Awards Made: 200 communities will be funded on a first come first serve basis.

Grant Period: One year (beginning in October, 2001 and ending in October, 2002)

Solicitation for Forensic DNA Research & Development <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000461.pdf>

The intent of this solicitation is to stimulate all areas of research or development that can enhance or increase the capacity, capability, applicability, and/or reliability of DNA for forensic uses. Proposals that build or improve upon existing technologies, methods, or approaches as well as proposals based on new or novel technologies, methods, or approaches are encouraged to meet the goal of maximizing the value of DNA evidence to the criminal justice system.

Application Deadline: March 30, 2001

Maximum Award Amount: Awards totaling approximately \$2 million will be made available for starting new programs under this phase of the Forensic DNA Research and Development solicitation.

Number of Awards Made: NIJ anticipates supporting multiple cooperative agreements and grants under this solicitation, based upon available funding and peer-review recommendations.

Grant Period: 12 to 24 months

21st Century Community Learning Centers <http://www.ed.gov/21stcccl/>

Grants for after-school programs will be awarded to rural and inner-city learning education sites, to fund the operation of Community Learning Centers that provide safe and supervised educational, recreational and supportive services for at-risk children and youth in inner-city or rural schools.

Application Deadline: March 30, 2001

Maximum Award Amount: The average grant size is \$125,000 per center per year for three years, or up to \$2 million a year.

Number of Awards Made: 400

Grant Period: 3 years

For further information contact: Amanda Clyburn at 202-260-3804.

Research and Statistics

"Are We Safe?" An annual survey by The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), found that despite seven years of declining crime rates, many Americans continue to feel afraid in their neighborhoods and are disengaging from activities that could prevent them from becoming victims of crime.

- 68% of those surveyed felt reasonably safe, compared to 60% last year, in environments where they felt they were in control including work, commuting, shopping, or even dining out.
- Fewer people were volunteering in community programs that prevent crime this year (17%) than last year (23%).
- 3 out of 10 families interviewed left children under 18 (20 million children), which included elementary-aged children, at home without adult supervision for at least 30 minutes during the work week.
- Better than 4 in 10 parents in each age group rate bullying as little problem or just somewhat of a problem for their children despite studies that suggest most children are bullied at some time during their school careers.
- More than 3 out of 10 parents never even ask about alcohol and firearms storage in homes where their children play.

<http://www.ncpc.org/rwesafe/rwesafe.htm>

"Assessing Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Disorders in Juvenile Detainees" Preliminary data indicates that more than 670,000 youth processed in the juvenile justice system each year have alcohol, drug, and mental (ADM) disorders.

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200102.pdf>

"The Decline in Child Sexual Abuse Cases" After a 15-year increase, substantiated child sexual abuse cases dropped 31% from 1992 to 1998. Most states--36 out of the 47 reporting--showed declines of at least 30%. The drop in child sexual abuse cases was much greater than the decline in physical abuse or neglect cases over the same period.

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/184741.pdf>

From the Bench: Cases Before the Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court announced it determined whether Congress can criminalize computer-generated images of fictitious people engaged in imaginary acts. In 1996, Congress crafted the Child Pornography Protection Act, which greatly expanded the scope of outlawed child pornography. Under the new definitions, sexually explicit material depicting a person who "appears to be" a minor is deemed child pornography. The same is true for material that "conveys the impression" that a minor is engaged in sexual acts. <http://www.nytimes.com/2001/01/26/technology/26CYBERLAW.html>

Resources

"Principles for Promoting Police Integrity" This report identifies general principles of police practices that are effective in promoting police integrity and can help law enforcement agencies assess whether they are implementing practices that promote civil rights integrity. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojp/186189.pdf>

"Comprehensive Communities Program (CCP): A Unique Way to Reduce Crime and Enhance Public Safety" The CCP model brings together community residents and police officers to develop solutions to local problems.

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/fs000267.pdf>

"Ending the Silence and Invisibility of Crimes Against People with Disabilities" Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) allows any individual who has a hearing or speech impairment to communicate with almost anyone in the world on the telephone. TRS is for you if you are Deaf, hard-of-hearing, or a hearing person wanting to communicate with Deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals. There is now a universal way to access a relay by just dialing 7-1-1 on any telephone. Source: <http://www.att.com/>

"The Jane Doe Inc. Learning Institute Catalog" (Winter Edition January - April 2001) is now available. For a copy please contact Jane Doe Inc. at 617-248-0922 ext. 216.

"Access to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Funded Services For Immigrant Survivors Of Domestic Violence" This Fact Sheet provides guidance to health and social service agencies and community-based organizations about eligibility for all the various programs and services funded by HHS for immigrant survivors of domestic violence. <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/immigration/bifsltr.html>

The **"Dominant Aggressor Training Curriculum"** includes investigation techniques for determining the dominant aggressor, establishing probable cause, identifying self-defense situations and interviewing children. The materials are provided in a "Train the Trainer" format and include videotapes to be used in exercises for police, advocates, and prosecutors. To obtain a copy of this curriculum, contact the California Alliance Against Domestic Violence at 916-444-7163, or email Caadv@cwo.com

Teen Dating Violence Resources in Massachusetts:

- The Massachusetts Attorney General's brochure **"Teen Dating Violence & Restraining Orders"** is available for downloading at their web site: <http://www.ago.state.ma.us/tdvrors.pdf>
- The Department of Education's pamphlet "Teen Dating Violence" designed for teen victims and perpetrators is available for downloading at their web site: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/lss/tdv/tdvguide00.pdf>

"Straight Scoop: Kids Talking to Kids About Drugs" The video features six teenage journalists who interviewed teens from all walks of life about their perception of, attitude toward, and experience with drugs. For a free single copy of the video (NCJ 1823371H) contact the ONDCP Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse at: 800-666-3332 (phone) or 301-519-5212 (fax)

"Family Abductors: Descriptive Profiles and Preventive Interventions" This article describes the common characteristics of abducting parents and profiles parents at risk for abducting their children. Constructive interventions are offered for each of the six profiles provided. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/182788.pdf>

"The Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center" This is a Web-based resource that provides evaluation information and assistance to juvenile justice professionals involved in assessing program effectiveness. <http://www.jrsainfo.org/jjec/>

Contact Information

Please visit the Programs Division web site at: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/>

Department of Justice agency web sites:

NCJRS <http://www.ncjrs.org/>
OJP <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/>
BJA <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>
BJS <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>
OJJDP <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/>
NIJ <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/>

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